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For:

COMPOSITE PANEL ADAPTED FOR POINT COMPRESSIVE LOADS AND METHOD

FOR MAKING SAME

## **AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1 through

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Please add the following new claims 21 through 36 in place of elected claims 13-18 that have now been canceled:

21. A method of forming high strength panels suitable for use in applications requiring a capability to withstand point compression loading without deformation, comprising the steps of:

positioning a first fabric layer spaced from a second fabric layer to form opposing panel surfaces;

fixing a foam core between at least a portion of said fabric layers to form said panel;

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